IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 7807 OF 2006

Dheeraj Dongarsing Dhanawat ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and others .... Respondents

Mr. V.Z. Kankaria for the petitioner.
Mr. P.M. Patil, Assistant Government Pleader, for the State.

CORAM: **H.S. BEDI, C.J.,** &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: **DECEMBER 06, 2006**.

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Rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that he had submitted an application for scrutiny of his caste more than four years ago along with certain annexures to respondent No.2, but no decision has been taken on the said application so far. In the meantime, respondent No.3 has issued a letter to the petitioner on 16th November, 2006, stating that if the validity certificate is not produced within seven days, the admission would be cancelled.

3. In the peculiar facts and circumstances, respondent No.2 Committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding the caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In the meanwhile, respondent No.3 is directed to permit the petitioner to prosecute his studies till the decision of respondent No.2-Committee. It is further directed that in case the decision of respondent No.2 Committee is adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of the order to the petitioner.

4. Rule is made absolute in the aforesaid terms with no order as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.